

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) An information terminal for performing radio communication with an information processing apparatus, said information terminal comprising:

a first input unit having at least one alphanumeric key button operable to accept a manual key entry and a pointing device operable to accept a manual coordinate entry, and ~~to said first input unit being operable to output a signal responsive to the manual key entry or the manual coordinate entry;~~

a processing unit operable to process the signal outputted from said first input unit and to generate an output signal; and

a communication unit operable to convert the output signal and to transmit the converted signal to the information processing apparatus;

wherein said information terminal is operable to disable one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus responsive to the manual key entry or the manual coordinate entry.

28. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus for performing radio communication with said information terminal according to claim 27, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises:

a transmitting and receiving unit operable to perform radio communication with said information terminal;

a locking unit operable to disable one of a start or a function of said information processing apparatus;

one of a radio field strength detector operable to measure a field strength of a received signal transmitted from said information terminal or a location detector operable to detect a location of said information processing apparatus; and

an out-of-range determining and informing unit operable to judge one of the measured field strength of the received signal or the detected location of said information processing apparatus, and to output a notice signal to said locking unit when one of the

measured field strength of the received signal or the detected location of said information processing apparatus is out of a predetermined range;

wherein said locking unit is operable to be activated by one of the manual key entry or the manual coordinate entry accepted by said first input unit or the notice signal.

29. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising:

a function determining unit operable to determine a command included in a signal transmitted from said information terminal through said transmitting and receiving unit of said information processing apparatus;

a password setting unit operable to set a password that is transmitted from said information terminal through said function determining unit;

a password memory operable to store the password through said password setting unit; and

an unlocking unit operable to enable one of a start or a function of said information processing apparatus;

wherein said unlocking unit is operable to be activated when the password stored in said password memory is matched with a password received from said communication unit of said information terminal.

30. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising:

a range memory operable to store a predetermined range of said information processing apparatus;

an operation control unit operable to judge whether the detected location of said information processing apparatus is within the predetermined range stored in said range memory; and

an unlocking unit operable to enable one of a start or a function of said information processing apparatus;

wherein said location detector is operable to use a global positioning system to locate the position of said information processing apparatus, and

wherein said locking unit is operable to be activated when said location detector determines that the location of said information processing apparatus is out of the predetermined range, and said unlocking unit is operable to be activated when said location detector determines that the location of said information processing apparatus is within the predetermined range.

31. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said information processing apparatus further comprises:

a second input unit operable to accept a manual entry and to output a signal responsive to the manual entry accepted by said second input unit; and

a display unit operable to display at least one of an image or text responsive to the manual entry accepted by said second input unit;

wherein when said location detector determines that the location of said information processing apparatus is out of the predetermined range, said locking unit is operable to disable at least one of said second input unit and said display unit of said information processing apparatus or to disable a start of said information processing apparatus, and

when said location detector determines that the location of said information processing apparatus is within the predetermined range, said unlocking unit is operable to enable at least one of said second input unit or said display unit of said information processing apparatus, or to enable a start of said information processing apparatus.

32. (Previously Presented) The information terminal according to claim 27, further comprising:

a display unit operable to display at least one of an image or text by processing a received signal transmitted from said information processing apparatus through said processing unit;

a locking unit operable to disable one of a start or a function of said information terminal or to disable at least one of said first input unit or said display unit of said information terminal;

a radio field strength detector operable to measure a field strength of the received signal transmitted from said information processing apparatus; and

an out-of-range determining and informing unit operable to judge the measured field strength of the received signal transmitted from said information processing apparatus and to output a notice signal to said locking unit of said information terminal so as to activate said locking unit of said information terminal when the measured field strength of the received signal transmitted from the information processing apparatus is out of a predetermined range.

33. (Previously Presented) The information terminal according to claim 27, further comprising:

a display unit operable to display at least one of an image or text by processing a received signal transmitted from said information processing apparatus through said processing unit;

a locking unit operable to disable one of a start or a function of said information terminal, or to disable at least one of said first input unit or said display unit of said information terminal;

a location detector operable to detect a location of said information terminal by using a global positioning system; and

an out-of-range determining and informing unit operable to judge the detected location of said information terminal and to output a notice signal to said locking unit of said information terminal so as to activate said locking unit of said information terminal when the detected location of said information terminal is out of a predetermined range.

34. (Previously Presented) The information terminal according to claim 27, further comprising:

one of a field strength detector operable to measure a field strength of a received signal transmitted from said information processing apparatus or a location detector operable to detect a location of said information terminal by using a global positioning system; and

an out-of-range determining and informing unit operable to judge one of the measured field strength of the received signal or the detected location of said information terminal, and to output a notice signal to said processing unit when said out-of-range determining and informing unit of said information terminal judges one of the measured field strength of the received signal or the detected location of said information terminal to be out of a predetermined range;

wherein said processing unit is operable to transmit the notice signal to said communication unit, and said communication unit is operable to transmit the notice signal to said information processing apparatus so as to disable one of a start or a function of said information processing apparatus.

35. (Previously presented) The information terminal according to claim 27, further comprising:

a function selector operable to output to said communication unit a command selected by a user among “lock operation”, “unlock operation”, and “setting password”; and

a password entry unit operable to receive a password entered by the user and to output the received password to said communication unit.

36. (Currently Amended) An information processing system including an information terminal and an information processing apparatus which are operable to perform radio communication with each other, wherein:

said information terminal comprises

a first input unit having at least one alphanumeric key button operable to accept a manual key entry and a pointing device operable to accept a manual coordinate entry, said first input unit being operable and to output a signal responsive to the manual key entry or the manual coordinate entry accepted by said first input unit,

a processing unit operable to process the signal outputted from said first input unit and to generate an output signal, and

a communication unit operable to convert the output signal and to transmit the converted signal to said information processing apparatus; and
said information processing apparatus comprises

a transmitting and receiving unit operable to perform radio communication with said information terminal,

a locking unit operable to disable one of a start or a function of said information processing apparatus,

one of a field strength detector operable to measure a field strength of a received signal transmitted from said information terminal or a location detector operable to detect a location of said information processing apparatus, and

an out-of-range determining and informing unit operable to judge one of the field strength of the received signal or the detected location of said information processing apparatus, and to output a notice signal to said locking unit when one of the measured field strength of the received signal or the detected location of said information processing apparatus is out of a predetermined range;
wherein said locking unit of said information processing apparatus is operable to be activated by one of the manual key entry or the manual coordinate entry accepted by said first input unit or the notice signal outputted from said out-of-range determining and informing unit of said information processing apparatus.

37. (Previously presented) The information processing system according to claim 36, wherein:

said information terminal further comprises

a location detector operable to detect a location said information terminal by using a global positioning system, and

an out-of-range determining and informing unit operable to judge the detected location of said information terminal and to output a notice signal when the detected location of said information terminal is out of a predetermined range, said communication unit being operable to transmit the notice signal outputted from said out-of-range determining and informing unit of said information terminal to said information processing apparatus; and

said information processing apparatus further comprises

a second input unit operable to accept a manual entry and to output a signal responsive to the manual entry accepted by said second input unit,

a display unit operable to display at least one of an image or text responsive to the manual entry accepted by said second input unit,

wherein said locking unit of said information processing apparatus is operable to disable one of a start or a function of said information processing apparatus, or to disable at least one of said second input unit or said display unit of said information processing apparatus, and

said locking unit of said information processing apparatus is operable to be activated by the notice signal outputted from said out-of-range determining and informing unit of said information terminal.

38. (Currently Amended) The information processing system according to claim 36, wherein:

said information terminal further comprises

a function selector operable to output to said communication unit a command selected among “lock operation”, “unlock operation”, and “setting password”, and

a password entry unit operable to receive an entered password and to output the received password to said communication unit to be transmitted to said information processing apparatus; and

said information processing apparatus further comprises

a second input unit operable to accept a manual entry and to output a signal responsive to the manual entry accepted by said second input unit,

a function determining unit operable to determine a command selected in said information terminal through said transmitting and receiving unit of said information processing apparatus,

a password setting unit operable to set a password transmitted from said communication unit of said information terminal through said function determining unit,

a password memory operable to store the password through said password setting unit, and

an unlocking unit operable to enable said second input unit when the command is “unlock operation” and when the password stored in said password memory is matched with the password received from said communication unit of said information terminal;

wherein the command received from said information terminal activates one of said locking unit and said unlocking unit.

39. (Currently Amended) A control method for an information terminal for performing radio communication with an information processing apparatus, wherein, in the information terminal, said control method comprises:

accepting a manual alphanumeric key entry or a manual coordinate entry and outputting a signal responsive to the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry;

processing the signal outputted in said outputting of the signal and generating an output signal;

converting the output signal and transmitting the converted signal to the information processing apparatus; and

disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus responsive to the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry.

40. (Currently Amended) The control method for an information terminal according to claim 39, further comprising:

receiving a radio signal transmitted from the information processing apparatus and processing the received radio signal;

displaying at least one of an image or text according to the processed signal;

measuring a field strength of the received radio signal;

judging the measured field strength of the received radio signal and outputting a notice signal when the measured field strength of the received radio signal is out of a predetermined range; and

disabling at least one of said accepting of the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry or said displaying of the at least one of the image or text responsive to the notice signal, or disabling a start of the information terminal responsive to the notice signal.

41. (Currently Amended) The control method for an information terminal according to claim 39, further comprising:

receiving a radio signal transmitted from the information processing apparatus and processing the received radio signal;

displaying at least one of an image or text according to the processed signal;

detecting a location of the information terminal by using a global positioning system;

judging the detected location of the information terminal and outputting a notice signal when the detected location of the information terminal is out of a predetermined range; and

disabling at least one of said accepting of the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry or said displaying of the at least one of the image or text responsive to the notice signal, or disabling a start of the information terminal responsive to the notice signal.

42. (Previously presented) The control method for an information terminal according to claim 39, further comprising:

detecting a location of the information terminal by using a global positioning system;

judging the detected location of the information terminal and outputting a notice signal when the detected location of the information terminal is out of a predetermined range;

transmitting the notice signal to the information processing apparatus; and

disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus responsive to the notice signal.

43. (Currently Amended) The control method for an information terminal according to claim 39, wherein:

said accepting of the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry further includes

accepting an input of a command among “lock operation”, “unlock operation” and “set password”, and

accepting an input of a password; and

said converting of the output signal and transmitting the converted signal to the information processing apparatus further includes transmitting a command and a password entered by the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry in said accepting of the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry to the information processing apparatus so as to control the information processing apparatus.

44. (Currently Amended) A control method for an information processing system for controlling an information terminal and an information processing apparatus to mutually perform radio communication with each other, wherein:

in the information processing apparatus, said control method comprises

receiving a radio signal transmitted from the information terminal,

outputting a notice signal responsive to at least one of a field strength of the received radio signal transmitted from the information terminal or a location of the information processing apparatus, and

disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus responsive to the notice signal outputted in said outputting of the notice signal; and

in the information terminal, said control method comprises

accepting a manual alphanumeric key entry or a manual coordinate entry inputted to the information terminal and outputting a signal responsive to the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry inputted to the information terminal,

processing the signal outputted in said outputting of the signal responsive to the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry inputted to the information terminal, and generating an output signal,

converting the output signal and transmitting the converted signal to the information processing apparatus, and

disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus responsive to the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry inputted to the information terminal.

45. (Previously presented) The control method for an information processing system according to claim 44,

wherein:

in the information terminal, said control method further comprises:

detecting a position of the information terminal by using a global positioning system,

judging the detected location of the information terminal and outputting a notice signal when the detected location of the information terminal is out of a predetermined range, and

transmitting the notice signal to the information processing apparatus; and

in the information processing apparatus, said control method further comprises

accepting a manual entry inputted to the information processing apparatus and outputting a signal responsive to the manual entry inputted to the information processing apparatus,

displaying at least one of an image or text responsive to the manual entry accepted in said accepting of the manual entry inputted to the information processing apparatus, and

disabling at least one of said accepting of the manual entry inputted to the information processing apparatus or said displaying of the at least one of the image or text, or disabling a start of the information processing apparatus responsive to the notice signal.

46. **(Currently Amended)** The control method for an information processing system according to claim 44,

wherein, in the information terminal,

said accepting of the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry inputted to the information terminal further includes

accepting an input of a command among “lock operation”, “unlock operation” and “set password”, and

accepting an input of a password, and

said converting of the output signal further includes transmitting a command and a password entered by the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry inputted in the information terminal in said accepting of the manual alphanumeric key entry or the manual coordinate entry inputted to the information terminal to the information processing apparatus so as to control the information processing apparatus; and

wherein, in the information processing apparatus, said control method further comprises:

receiving the command and password transmitted from the information terminal in said transmitting of the command and the password;

determining a command among “lock operation”, “unlock operation” and “set password”;

storing a password in the information processing apparatus when the command is determined to be “set password” in said determining of the command;

enabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus when the password stored in said storing of the password is matched with the password received from the information terminal and when the command is determined to be “unlock operation” in said determining of the command; and

disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus when the command is determined to be “lock operation” in said determining of the command.

47. (Previously presented) A control method for an information processing system according to claim 44, wherein, in the information processing apparatus, said control method comprises:

measuring a field strength of a received signal transmitted from the information terminal,

judging the measured field strength of the received signal and outputting a notice signal when the measured field strength of the received signal is judged to be out of a predetermined range, and

disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus responsive to the notice signal outputted in said outputting of the notice signal.

48. (Previously presented) The control method for an information processing apparatus according to claim 47, wherein, in the information processing apparatus, said control method further comprises:

receiving a signal including a command that is transmitted from the information terminal;

determining a command among “lock operation”, “unlock operation” and “set password”;

storing a password in the information processing apparatus responsive to the signal received in said receiving of the signal when the command is determined to be “set password” in said determining of the command; and

enabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus when the password stored in said storing of the password is matched with a password received from the information terminal and when the command is determined to be “unlock operation” in said determining of the command.

49. (Previously presented) The control method for an information processing apparatus according to claim 47, wherein, in the information processing apparatus, said control method further comprises:

detecting a location of the information processing apparatus by using a global positioning system;

storing a predetermined range of the information processing apparatus;
disabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus
when the detected location of the information processing apparatus is out of the
predetermined range; and
enabling one of a start or a function of the information processing apparatus when
the detected location of the information processing apparatus is within the predetermined
range.

50. (Currently Amended) The control method for an information processing
apparatus according to claim 49, wherein, in the information processing apparatus, said
control method further comprises:

accepting a manual entry and outputting a signal responsive to the manual entry;
displaying at least one of an image or text responsive to the manual entry;
disabling at least one of said accepting of the manual entry or said displaying of
the at least one of the image or text, or disabling a start of the information processing
apparatus when the detected location of the information processing apparatus is out of the
predetermined range; and

enabling at least one of said accepting of the manual entry or said displaying of
the at least one of the image and text, or enabling a start of the information processing
apparatus when the detected location of the information processing apparatus ~~when the
detected location of the information processing apparatus~~ is within the predetermined
range.

51. (New) The information terminal according to claim 27, wherein said pointing
device of said first input unit is a mouse, and said first input unit includes a keyboard
having said at least one alphanumeric key button disposed therein.

52. (New) The information processing system according to claim 36, wherein said
pointing device of said first input unit is a mouse, and said first input unit includes a
keyboard having said at least one alphanumeric key button disposed therein.